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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RESPONDS TO DIET INTERPELLATIONS

1. SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER MIKI GOT THROUGH THREE DAYS' DIET INTERPELLATION WITHOUT DAMAGE. CRITICS SCORNEHIS LACK OF SPECIFICS AND STANDARD FARE RESPONSES, BUT FROM LDP STANDPOINT HE ACQUITTED HIMSELF WELL AND GAVE OPPOSITION NOW NEW AMMUNITION FOR ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THREE DAY ROUND OF INTERPELLATIONS (JANUARY 27-29) IN BOTH HOUSES OF DIET, PRIME MINISTER MIKI FIELDERD WIDE VARIETY OF QUESTIONS ON BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC ISSUES. HIS ANSWERS WERE BASICALLY REITERATION OF STANDARD GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, AND NOTHING REALLY NEW EMERGED. OPPOSITION VOICEDHUSUAL CRITICISMS OF LDP POLICY LINE, AND PRESS BEMOANED, AS IT ALWAYS DOES, FAILURE OF EITHER GOVERNMENT OR OPPOSITION TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. PRESS WAS ALSO UNHAPPY OVER GENERAL NATURE OF MIKI RESPONSES. BRIEF SUMMARIES OF HIS STATEMENTS FOLLOW:

3. OIL AND MIDDLE EAST - MIKI SAID GOJ FELT SOLUTION TO OIL CRISIS AND INTERRELATED MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WAS TO BE FOUND IN UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICY OF DIALOGUE AND COOTERATION. THERE WERE NO MAJOR US-

JAPAN POLICY DIFFERENCES ON MIDEAST, AND GOJ SUPPORTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PEACE EFFORTS. RE SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON POSSIBLE U.S. USE OF FORCE IN EVENT OF "STRANGULATION," MIKI STRESSED THAT THEY RELATED TO HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION AND IT HAD NEVER OCCURRED TO HIM TO LODGE PROTEST AGAINST THEM. MIKI ALSO SAID JAPAN WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PLANNED MARCH CONFERENCE OF OIL-PRODUCING AND CONSUMING NATIONS IN HOPE OF SOLVING ENERGY PROBLEMS THROUGH DIALOGUE. HE DENIED THAT KISSINGER APPROACH WAS DESIGNED TO PRESSURE THIRD WORLD NATIONS, AND SAID SECRETARY SEEKS TO SOLVE ENERGY PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATION BY CONCERNED PARTIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOJ WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO SECURE STABLE ARAB OIL SUPPLY AND REPEATED ENDORSEMENT OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

4. SOUTH KOREA - MIKI FAVORED CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNITED NATIONS TROOPS IN ROK BECAUSE REAL PEACE AND STABILITY NOT YET RESTORED IN KOREAN PENINSULA. SUCH PRESENCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE WISH OF KOREAN PEOPLE. RE "THREAT FROM NORTH", HE SAID 1950 KOREAN WAR-TYPE CONFLICT WAS UNLIKELY, BUT THAT IT WAS UP TO "THE PARTY CONCERNED" TO MAKE JUDGMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT THREAT EXISTED.

5. NORTH KOREA - MIKI RULED OUT GOJ RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA IN NEAR FUTURE, SAYING SUCH ACTION WOULD BE "PREMATURE." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT JAPAN WOULD MAINTAIN CONTINUING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. THIS WAS MIKI'S FIRST OFFICIAL REFERENCE TO RECOGNITION QUESTION SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE.

6. US-JAPAN RELATIONS - MIKI STRESSED NEED TO RETAIN MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, AS WAR DETERRENT, AND ALSO OF NEED FOR MINIMUM JAPANESE DEFENSE CAPABILITY. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOJ HAD NO INTENTION OF INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT US INTRODUCED NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN, NOTING THAT TWO NATIONS' RELATIONS WERE BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST. REGARDING ALLEGATIONS THAT OKINAWA-BASED SR-71'S WERE OVERFLYING NORTH VIETNAM, MIKI DECLARED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO SUCH CHARGES' ACCURACY; LATER, HE STATED THE GENERAL PROPOSITION THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE (UNDER PRESENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS) FOR US FORCES TO USE THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES."

7. OTHER FOREIGN POLICY AREAS - (A) GOJ DESIRES TO CONCLUDE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH PRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; (B) SOLUTION OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE IS PREREQUISITE TO PEACE TREATY WITH USSR AND GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD THAT END; (C) ALTHOUGH GOJ HAS NOT RECOGNIZED PRC, NEITHER HAS IT ADOPTED HOSTILE POLICY TOWARD PRC; AND (D) MIKI SEEKS DIET RATIFICATION

OF NPT "AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE." GOJ, HOWEVER, WANTS GUARANTEE BY IAEA THAT TREATY WILL NOT AFFECT JAPAN'S CAPABILITY TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

8. ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY - PRIME MINISTER SAID GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC POLICY BECAUSE ANTI-INFLATION FIGHT HAS TOP PRIORITY; THERE IS NO CURRENT PLAN TO TAKE ECONOMY-STIMULATING MEASURES. CABINET REMAINS COMMITTED TO PLEDGE TO CUT CONSUMER PRICE RISE TO ABOUT 15 PERCENT BY MARCH AND TO 10 PERCENT OR BELOW BY NEXT SPRING. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT PROPOSED BUDGET IS BEST POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND HE DOES NOT INTEND TO REVISE IT. HE NOTED THAT IT WILL REQUIRE TWO OR THREE YEARS TO OVERHAUL TAX SYSTEM, PUBLIC FINANCES AND MONETARY SYSTEM. CONCERNING FAIR TRADE COMMISSION'S DRAFT FOR REVISION OF ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW, MIKI AGREED TO NEED FOR STRENGTHENING PRESENT LAW AND SAID HE HAD NO PLAN TO "DILUTE" FTC PROPOSAL. LATER, HOWEVER, HE DESCRIBED DRAFT AS "NOT IDEAL" AND INDICATED IT WOULD BE REVISED IN "MANNER WHICH WOULD GAIN PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDING."

9. POLITICAL REFORM - MIKI NOTED THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL FOR SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUTENCY SYSTEM SO LONG AS OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE AGAIN IT. HE DID HOPE, HOWEVER, ALL PARTIES WOULD AGREE ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE NUMBER OF NATTIONAL CONSTITUENCY SEATS IN HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS. RE CONTROL OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MIKI SAID PLANNED LEGISLATION WOULD AIM AT TIGHTENING CONTROL OVER CONTRIBUTIONS NOT ONLY FROM BUSINESS BUT TRADE UNIONS AS WELL. HE ALSO SAID THAT WHILE IDEALLY CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD COME ONLY FROM INDIVIDUALS, IMMEDIATE REALIZATION OF SUCH A GOAL IS IMPOSSIBLE. MOREOVER, HE DID NOT FEEL THAT CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS PER SE WERE NECESSARILY BAD. IN ADDITION TO CONTROLLING CONTRIBUTIONS, MIKI SAID HE HOPED FOR PUBLIC ELECTION LAW REVISION TO ENSURE CLEAN AND LESS EXPENSIVE ELECTIONS.

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10. COMMENT: DESPITE PRESS CLAIMS OF /DISAPPOINTMENT" OVER MIKI'S EVASIVE, BOILER-PLATE RESPONSES, HE HANDLED HIMSELF WELL AND AVOIDED GAFFS WHICH WOULD GIVE OPPOSITION FRESH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT. FOCUS OF DIET NOW TURNS TO BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARINGS WHERE HE WILL BE SUBJECT TO INTENSIVE OPPOSITION QUESTIONING ON SPECIFICS.

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